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Education: key of your life

“The decisions I made after that moment were not the ones she would have made. They were the choices of a changed person, a new self. You could call this selfhood many things. Transformation. Metamorphosis. Falsity. Betrayal. I call it an education.” These are the most impressive words for me in reading this book—Educated A Memoir.

Tara lives in a mormon family, where her father doesn't believe anything of government and he doesn't let his children go to public school to receive education. Her mother is a midwife, who knows something about herbs so she could tend the health of the whole family and be self-reliant. Tara has never been educated in school until 17, and before this she has always been educated in the rhythms of the mountain, rhythms in which change was never fundamental, only cyclical. Tara was shocked by her sudden college education. From the details of daily life (washing hands after going to the toilet, etc.) to the contents of school classes and textbooks, Tara felt that her life was facing a complete change.

I think Tara's grandmother is one of the most important people who impacted Tara on her path to college. She is the only one in Tara's family who supported Tara getting educated in public school. What's more, Tara's elder brother Tyler also has great impact on Tara. He went to college and brought many books back to Tara. He

talked about many interesting things and people he met in college. These fuel Tara's curiosity about college and become stimulation for Tara to learn mathematics, functions, and geometry from scratch. Finally, Tara passed the ACT -- American College Testing and was admitted to the music major of Brigham Young University.

Tara's story inspires me a lot. In my opinion, education is a channel through which you can build your own mindset. We cannot live without education since it exists everywhere, not only in the classroom, but also in every conversation you make with others or every outdoor activity you attend. On my way of studying at the University of Delaware, I should not only attach importance to each class education, but also participate in many extracurricular activities to expand my thinking. Since English is my second language, I should actively make friends with Americans and blend in with the local culture. I hope I can change my life through education, just like Tara. I believe my life at the University of Delaware will be colorful and fruitful.

There are a couple of questions I would ask if I meet Tara. How is her relationship with her siblings now? Tara mentioned in her book that there are 7 children in her family and 3 of them got good achievements in university, so I would like to ask the remaining four people how they are now, are any of them continuing to study ?